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Dear

Thank you for taking time to complete my recent survey on developments and traffic levels in Kirkmuirhill, Blackwood and Boghead.

There was an excellent response to the survey – nearly 23% - and I am particularly grateful to those who took time to provide additional comments. Graphs at the end of this letter show the results of the survey as at the beginning of September.

Nearly all (99%) respondents said they had concerns about existing levels of haulage traffic through Kirkmuirhill, Blackwood and Boghead. I believe this finding is relevant to the two particular issues also raised in the survey.

SCOTGEN WASTE TO ENERGY PLANT AT DOVESDALE FARM, CARLISLE ROAD

My survey showed that 97% of respondents opposed the plans for a residual waste facility at Dovesdale Farm. This reflects the strength of feeling communicated to me by many other constituents from the South of Scotland region which I represent. This proposal also has the potential to increase the amount of haulage traffic in the area and especially on the B7087 Carlisle Road. I have therefore submitted an objection to South Lanarkshire Council's planning department, and asked that the Council take these views into account when making a decision on the proposals. If you would like a copy of my submission, please contact my office on the details below.

DUNDUFF QUARRY

My survey also included a question related to the proposals by Patersons of Greenoakhill Limited to reroute quarry traffic which currently passes through Kirkmuirhill, Blackwood and Boghead through Lesmahagow. A majority – 61% - of respondents said they would support efforts to reroute the quarry traffic away from all residential areas.

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A number of respondents felt it necessary to clarify that they supported the current proposals by the quarry operators to reroute the traffic.

Please be assured that I support the efforts made by the communities of Blackwood and Kirkmuirhill to reduce the level of haulage traffic through the area. I do not believe the current route of these lorries is in any way acceptable. I hope to meet shortly with representatives of the Blackwood and Kirkmuirhill Villages Co-ordination Group to discuss this matter further. I am also working with residents of Lesmahagow and its Community Council to explore whether any further alternative routes, that avoid all residential areas, may be possible. I would hope that the developers and other relevant authorities would be willing to engage with all affected communities on these matters.

I hope this information is of some use to you, and I will be happy to keep you informed of any further developments. If you would like to discuss these matters further, or if I can be of any assistance on any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact my office on the details below.

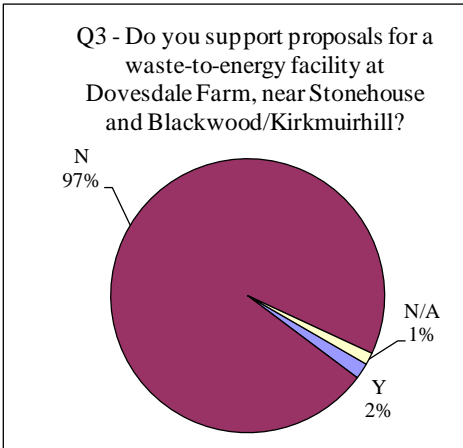
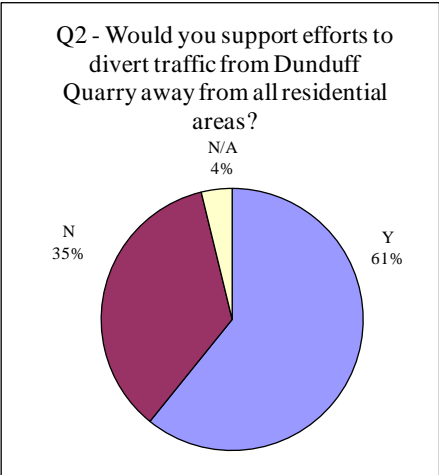
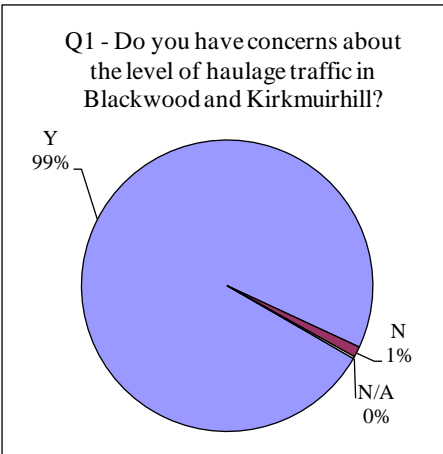
Yours sincerely,



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Results of survey of households in Kirkmuirhill, Blackwood and Boghead on developments and traffic levels.

Response rate: 23.4%



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